



North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

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Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow
Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Remembering our Baptism

Jim & Betty Mitchell

***Call to Worship**

Let us continue in our call to be faithful in all things.

Let us live in manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,

Let us find Christ in our struggles,

Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith,

Let us find you, O God, in all of our days!

***Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140**

***Hymn Nobody Knows the Trouble I See UMH 520**

First Lesson Philippians 1:20-30

It is my expectation and hope that I won't be put to shame in anything. Rather, I hope with daring courage that Christ's greatness will be seen in my body, now as always, whether I live or die. Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work.

But I don't know what I prefer. I'm torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. However, it's more important for me to stay in this world for your sake. I'm sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again.

Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I'm absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. That way, you won't be afraid of anything your enemies do.

Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ's sake. You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I'm still facing.

Word for Children

Second Lesson Luke 20:27-38

Message for the Lord's Day Reverend Deborah Coble

***Hymn When We All Get to Heaven UMH 701**

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for
the people of this congregation...
for those who are suffering...
for the concerns of our local community...
for those who don't know where their next meal will come
from and those who are looking for shelter ...
for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm's way...
for the world, its people and its leaders...
for the earth you have given to our care...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, & mission...
for peace and goodwill to all...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mission and Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only,
but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you;
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn**

Soon and Very Soon

UMH 706

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,
and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.**

Postlude